

***SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS***

Please amend the first paragraph on page 5 of the specification as follows:

Although the use of TPE material for the sealing portion 8 (and possibly also for the gripping portion 10) is found to be very advantageous, being in particular very light in weight, the skin 24, which is required in order to cover the cells of the material 22, is found to present a relatively high friction surface. This may be disadvantageous in certain circumstances. For example, the closing vehicle door will partially slide across the surface of the sealing portion 8, particularly ~~adjacent the "A" pillar of the vehicle where it is hinged. High friction contact at this position can cause problems.~~ in the region of the hinged leading edge of each door. Thus, this sliding will particularly take place adjacent the "A" pillar of the vehicle where the leading edge of the omitted driver's door is hinged, and also adjacent the "B" pillar of the vehicle where the leading edge of the rear door of the vehicle is hinged. ~~High friction contact at these hinged edges of the doors can cause problems.~~